

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 38-41 have been withdrawn from consideration. New claim 43 has been added. Support for new claim 43 can be found in the specification.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interviews of July 29, 2005 and August 1, 2005 in which he clarified that claims 38-41 are pending, but have been withdrawn from consideration, and further that Applicant's election of an adhesive species would be responsive to the election of species requirement of the outstanding office action.

Response to Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. §121:

An adhesive comprising:

- (a) an epoxy resin and a primary amine, a carboxylic acid or a carboxylic anhydride or a mixture of two or more thereof;
- (b) a cyclic anhydride and a primary amine;
- (c) an oxazoline and a primary amine, a carboxylic acid or a carboxylic anhydride or a mixture of two or more thereof;
- (d) a carbodiimide and primary amine or a carboxylic acid; or
- (e) an isocyanate and a primary amine, an alcohol or a carboxylic acid, or a mixture of two or more thereof; or
- (f) a mixture of two or more of (a)-(e).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, the adhesive species of (a) comprising an epoxy resin and a primary amine, a carboxylic acid or a carboxylic anhydride or a mixture of two or more thereof. Claims 1-20 and new claim 43 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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